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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuo SAKURAI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

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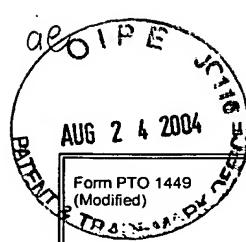
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AP (JP 2002-125098) and AS (JP 2001-222076) on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification.



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